THE MINISTER OF CULTURE (SHRI S. JAIPAL REDDY): (a) to (c) No, Sir. However, an Expert Committee has been constituted under the direction of the Hon'ble Supreme Court of India in order to prepare a Conservation Management Plan for the Red Fort in Delhi.

Excavation of submerged temples

†2628. SHRI BALAVANT *ALIAS* BALAPTE:
SHRI RUDRA NARAYAN PANY:

Will the Minister of CULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that certain States have submitted proposals for the excavating and restoring the temples submerged into lakes/rivers;

(b) if so, the details thereof alongwith the number of such temples/ historical sites, State-wise:

(c) whether Government are contemplating any action to bring them out and restore; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF CULTURE (SHRI S. JAIPAL REDDY): (a) to (d) No proposal has been received from the State Governments for excavation of any temple submerged into lakes and rivers. However, in case of the State of Madhya Pradesh, there are proposals of transplantation and preventive measures for two monuments which are under submergence or are likely to be submerged on account of the Narmada Valley Project. The work of transplantation is in progress.

In case of Himachal Pradesh, proposals for transplantation of fifteen temples have also been received and the same are under examination.

Night view of monuments/heritages sites

2629. SHRI SANJAY RAUT: Will the Minister of CULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government are considering a proposal to open various monuments/heritages sites for night view like Taj Mahal, to the general public;

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†Original notice of the question was received in Hindi.